Investment in Affordable Housing 2011-2014 Annual Public Reporting on Outcomes 2011-2012

Background:

On December 20, 2011, the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories announced a combined investment of $11 million under a new affordable housing agreement. The Investment in Affordable Housing for 2011-2014 provides provinces and territories with more flexibility in determining local needs and priorities and in designing and delivering programs.

This agreement provides the NWT with $3,680,000 annually in funding in order to reduce the number of households in core need. Funding of $1,840,000 is being provided by the Federal government through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in each of the three years. This amount is being matched by the NWT, through the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC).

Goals:

In applying these funds, the NWTHC's primary goals were to improve and preserve the quality of affordable housing, and to support vulnerable households in accessing safe and affordable housing. These goals reflect the larger objective of the agreement in improving access to affordable, sound, suitable, and sustainable housing for households in need.

Outcomes and indicators:

For 2011-2012, the NWTHC identified 82 projects that for funding under the agreement. These projects were comprised of 81 units that were in need of major repairs, and the provision of 30 beds to a shelter in Yellowknife.

CARE Projects:

The funding provided by the agreement helped fund 81 projects under the Contributing Assistance for Repairs and Enhancements (CARE) program. This provided for repairs and renovations to units in 15 communities across the NWT. These projects cost between $10,000 and $90,000 per unit. This was for a total amount of $3,522,815.33 that helped improve and preserve the quality of affordable housing.

The breakdown of projects by community:

- Aklavik – Three units
- Behchoko – Nine units

- Dettah – Three units
- Fort Liard – Three units
- Fort McPherson – Eight units
- Fort Resolution – Six units
- Fort Simpson – Nine units
- Hay River – Twelve units
- Jean Marie River – One unit
- Lutsel K'e – Three units
- Tuktoyaktuk – Four units
- Tulita – Two units
- Ulukhaktok – Seven units
- Wekweeti – Five units
- Yellowknife – Six units

Shelter Project:

As part of the Investment in Affordable Housing for 2011-2014, the funding was also provided to a transitional shelter operated by the YWCA in Yellowknife. This funding of $20,000.00 provided 30 beds that will assist northern households in need of safe and affordable housing.